the 17 sports disciplines included in the Commonwealth Games through the Sports Authority of India and each of the concerned National Sports Federations.

(b) and (c) It is for the Organizing Committee to determine the number and manner of the voluntary associations it would wish to associate with the training of youth for the organization of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Restriction on heading sports organisation

1359. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to put a restriction on heading any sports organizations by any Cabinet Minister or any responsible person of Government in the country like the decision taken by Malaysian Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The draft comprehensive National Sports Policy, 2007 proposes to set up an independent Sports Regulatory Authority to, *inter alia*, address specific issues concerning the management disputes of National Sports Federations (NSFs) with a view to ensuring their full accountability in conformity with the Olympic Charter.

Formation of association for sports

1360. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned the formation of more than one association for any sport or game in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for creating management monopolies in games and sports in India;

(c) whether Government are aware that the same people and their families have kept a keen grasp on some associations;

(d) in what way Government would propose to broad-base the associations of games and sports in the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to reduce the strangle hold at State and National level of a single person or group domination of all games and sports?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) At present, the Ministry gives recognition to only one National Sports Federation (NSF) for each sport discipline. The recognition is given as per the 'Guideline for Recognition of National Sports Federations'. The Ministry has prepared a draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy, 2007, which looks at various issues concerning the broad-basing of sports and the promotion of

excellence in sports, including issues such as the management of National Sports Federations (NSFs) and their accountability in terms of the promotion and development of their respective sport disciplines throughout the country. The draft policy recognizes the need for structural changes to address the issue of monopolistic tendencies in NSFs within the framework of the Olympic Charter. The draft policy also proposes to set up a Sports Regulatory Authority to look into such matters.

State of preparedness for Commonwealth Games

†1361. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the preparedness regarding the Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) the funds sought by Government of Delhi for it;

(c) the heads on which this amount would be spent;

(d) whether funds have been allocated to Delhi Government as per demand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These include a Core Group of Minister (GOM) under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating various matters related to CWG 2010; the Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GOM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the Games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility with specific reference to security, law and orders and matter coming under DDA.

The locations for the various competitions/training venues, and the major non-competition venue *viz.* International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC), have been agreed to among the stakeholders. All the stakeholders have indicated their specific time lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.*, finalization of detailed design and estimates, commencement of tendering process, award of work, commencement of work, completion of work and handing over to OC. It is expected that work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects will commence between August-December, 2007 and the venues will be handed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.